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SUBJECT: ILLICIT PAYMENTS

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1. REFTEL REQUESTED EMBASSIES INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF ANNOUNCED CARTER ADMINISTRATION POSITION ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS WITH RESPECT TO US LEGISLATION AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT. IN VIEW OF EXPECTED ATTENDANCE OF MANY UN DELEGATES AT ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS USUN INFORM THESE DELEGATES OF SAME BY PASSING THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED INFORMAL NOTE TO PERMANENT MISSIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN WORKING GROUP AS MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS.

2. THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAS ANNOUNCED ITS STRONG
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SUPPORT FOR DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST BRIBERY IN INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS. IT HAS INDICATED ITS SUPPORT FOR U.S. LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO USE THE U.S. MAILS OR OTHER INSTRUMENTALITIES OF U.S. COMMERCE TO BRIBE FOREIGN OFFICIALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING OR RETAINING BUSINESS WITH A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR INSTRUMENTALITY OR FOR THE PURPOSE

OF INFLUENCING LEGISLATION OR REGULATIONS OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR INSTRUMENTALITY. OUR GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THIS WILL FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO PREVENT THE USE OF ITS TERRITORY FOR THE BRIBERY OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME AVOIDING AN UNREALISTIC ATTEMPT TO CONTROL ILLICIT PAYMENTS WHICH HAVE NO CONNECTION WITH THE UNITED STATES.

3. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING A DRAFT TREATY FOR CONSIDERATION AND USE BY THE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON THE PROBLEM OF CORRUPT PRACTICES AT ITS MEETING BEGINNING MARCH 28. THIS DRAFT WILL BE BASED ON THE U.S. IDEAS ALREADY CIRCULATED BUT WILL ALSO CONTAIN A PROVISION UNDER WHICH STATES WOULD MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE UNDER THEIR LAWS TO USE THEIR TERRITORIES OR INSTRUMENTALITIES OF COMMERCE TO BRIBE FOREIGN OFFICIALS.

4. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE WORKING GROUP AT THIS MEETING TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN DRAFTING A TREATY ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS, AND LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT TOWARD THIS END.
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